

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF SELECTMEN

October 3, 2013

The regular meeting of the Board of Selectmen was called to order at 7:03 pm in the community room of the North Haven Library, 17 Elm Street, North Haven, CT.

Members Present

First Selectman, Michael J. Freda

Second Selectman, Timothy M. Doheny

Third Selectman, Alan J. Sturtz

Mr. Freda introduced himself and Selectmen Timothy Doheny and Alan Sturtz and welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr. Freda asked if there were any public comments relative to the agenda, being none, Mr. Doheny motioned to approve the minutes from the Board of Selectmen's Meeting of September 16, 2013 with a second by Mr. Sturtz.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz - Yes

Mr. Freda read a press release from the North Haven Conservation Commission concerning a Public Forum being held on Wednesday, October 23rd from 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the North Haven Library community room on "What You Need to Know About Pesticides".

Mr. Freda introduced Nick Andreopoulos, Project Manager from Pfizer who provided a presentation on the Pharmacia & Upjohn Company LLC Site Remedy. Mr. Andreopoulos gave a detailed recap of the progress made to date and the vision for the continued remediation of the site.

Concluding the presentation by Mr. Andreopoulos, Mr. Freda provided his Selectman's Overview.

OPERATIONAL

- Grover Wyman Bike Path and Park Rehabilitation Project: Over the past several months we have been meeting with a community interest group to discuss the construction of a bike path. Bid was awarded to TradeMark Contractors, LLC of Bristol. On August 31, 2013 a groundbreaking for the project was held at the park. Please note the Park's playscape and middle and rear parking areas will be closed to the public from October 1st through October 20th (7:00 am to 4:00 pm daily M-F) to allow for the safe execution of construction activities.
- Library Roof Re-Painting, under warranty, no expense to the Town.
- Middle School Update: At the Annual Town Meeting on September 23rd 10 people were appointed to the Middle School Building Committee. The committee will meet every other week now through the end of the year, with more frequent meetings in 2014.
- 2013 Fall Leaf Collection Program: The Department will begin its annual Fall Leaf

Collection Program on November 4th and continue through December 13th, weather permitting. The schedule has been placed in local newspapers as well as on the Town's website and in various Town buildings. Residents are reminded that bulk and bagged leaves must be placed at the curb and NOT in the street itself or across sidewalks. Leaves should not be swept in front of mailboxes. Bulk and bagged leaves must also be placed at the curbside by 5 a.m. on the Monday of your street's designated collection week.

- Oil to Gas Conversions: Ridge Road School and the Middle School. Equipment has been installed, about 70% completed. Expected to be wrapped up within the next 10 days. Finance is working with the Building Official to accomplish this. Oil for 2 schools cost \$234,000 last year. Cost of conversion, \$83,000 will pay for itself in the first year due to the savings derived from using natural gas.
- Boards and Commissions
 - Board of Ethics
 - Quinnipiack Valley Health District Board
 - Board of Assessment Appeals
 - Building Board of Appeals
 - Housing Authority
 - Conservation Commission
 - Cable TV Advisory Council (from BOE)

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT OVERVIEW

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| • Center Plan Parkway Improvement Program | • Café on Broadway |
| • Hibachi Grill | • Covidien Expansion |
| • Leon's Restaurant | • Froyo World |
| • Stellato's Deli and Catering | • Big Brothers Big Sisters |
| • Urgent Care Center (Home Depot Plaza) | • Steel Horse Saloon |
| • DSW Shoes | • North of Havana |
| • Famous FootWear | • Carter Mario Law Offices |
| • Buffalo Wild Wings | • Next Step Living |
| • Quinnipiac Medical School | • Yale New Haven Hospital |
| • Ulbrich Steel | • Cardiology Group Devine Street |

Economic Development Updates

- State Street 55+ Housing Project
- Housing – Northern Washington Avenue for Quinnipiac University
- Animal Surgical Center

Challenges Remain: 297 State Street and Pratt & Whitney

At the EDC Breakfast on Thursday, September 26, 2013 We presented the CERC Economic Development Study on Upper Northern Washington Avenue.

The report and presentation are available on the Town website and the North Haven EDC website. (www.northhavenedc.com)

NOTEWORTHY

- North Haven Conservation Commission Press Release detailed above.
- North Haven Substance Abuse Action Council: In conjunction with the National DEA event, will hold a Pill Return – Saturday, October 26th at the Recreation

Center. Hours 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. Drive into the circle, volunteers will be there to take the expired and unwanted medications.

- Trunk or Treat Halloween Event: Saturday, October 26th in the North Haven High School Parking Lot. 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm. Parents must accompany children, Plan on bringing plenty of candy – we expect a large turnout!! (Rain date: Saturday, November 2nd)

Mr. Sturtz motioned the approval of the following property tax refunds, seconded by Mr. Doheny.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz – yes

- Bray, Douglas, 341 Bassett Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$114.97.
- Como, Alyse or Susan Lyn, 21 Belmont Road, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$24.17.
- Cretella, Jeffrey, 477 Middletown Avenue, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$43.74.
- Daimler Trust, Box 685, Roanoke, TX 76262 in the amount of \$193.22.
- Dimartinto, Joseph III, 10 Papa Lane, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$84.58.
- Estabrook, Alice & Joseph, 1728 Hartford Turnpike, North Haven, CT 06473 in the amount of \$70.50, and in the amount of \$70.44, and in the amount of \$78.54, and in the amount of \$79.62, and in the amount of \$79.62.
- Financial Sr Veh Trust, 5550 Britton Parkway, Hilliard, OH 43026 in the amount of \$639.28 and in the amount of \$312.05.
- Honda Lease Trust, 600 Kelley Way, Holyoke, MA 01040-9681 in the amount of \$59.54 and in the amount of \$298.14 and in the amount of \$33.63.
- Hyundai Lease Titling Trust, 10550 Talbert Avenue, Fountain Valley, CA 92708 in the amount of \$146.55.
- Laccone, John Jr., 401 Clintonville Road #205, North Haven, CT, 06473 in the amount of \$97.79.
- MMCA Lease LTD, Box 9940, Mobile, AL, 25508 in the amount of \$216.64.
- Nissan Infiniti LT, Box 650214, Dallas, TX 75264-0214 in the amount of \$162.56.
- Toyota Motor Credit Corp, 260 Interstate N C 12F, Atlanta, GA 30339 in the amount of \$141.32.

Mr. Freda announced that the next meeting of the Board of Selectmen is on Thursday, November 14, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. in upstairs conference room #1 of the Town Hall, 18 Church Street, North Haven, CT.

Mr. Doheny commented that everyone is entitled to speak during public comment, but he would like to ask that perhaps people with many questions give others a chance to speak or comment and then return to the microphone. He also would like to see that if someone comes to the mic to ask a question or comment, that they give the Board the courtesy of rebuttal or response so that the facts can be stated. Mr. Sturtz felt that perhaps asking one question and then letting another speak until everyone has had the opportunity to speak at least once and then go back through would be appropriate.

Mr. Freda then asked if there was any Public Comment.

Irene Salman, Drazen Drive, inquired about the discrepancy in the Tax Office. She asked about the procedures and how was it that the police determined the money was not taken by a Town employee. Mr. Freda explained that the detectives are skilled interrogators and that was their determination. He stated the auditors are reviewing it

now. Tax Collector Stacey Yarbrough provided the answers to Ms. Salman's questions and the discussion continued.

Sherman Katz, Sherwood Drive, stated that he feels that not everyone should be penalized with regard to public comment because of one person. He also stated that he would like to see the personal property taxes be payable in two installments. Stacey Yarbrough, Tax Collector, stated that the decision for one installment is voted upon at the Town meeting. Also that taxes need to be paid in full in order to register a vehicle. Mr. Freda stated that we would look into the issue. Mr. Katz also asked if there was anything going on with regard to the Marlin building. Mr. Freda stated that there is some interest, but can't divulge at this time.

Raymond Sonazzaro, Elm Street, commented that he feels the house next to the firehouse on Broadway is too close to the new addition and wondering how that is possible and wouldn't it be a zoning violation. Mr. Freda stated that we will look into it.

John Heeran, Debra Lane, stated that he caught the tail end of a Fire Commission meeting a few months back and thought he remembered it being mentioned that the house would have to come down.

Sally Buemi, Blossom Drive, inquired about the grant to clean up the Circuit Wise property and if the transfer station does not go into the space, could the property owner apply for that funding and clean it up to make it more appealing to another entity. Mr. Freda explained the money was tied to that project. He has not spoken to the owner recently.

Mr. Sonazzaro stated that he read an ad in the Citizen for volunteer firemen. He feels volunteers are a thing of the past. Mr. Freda stated that one of the reasons we have lost volunteers is the deplorable conditions of the volunteer fire houses.

Mr. Katz asked about the grant money for Circuit Wise and if no tenant to share the cost then wouldn't the Town have to pay back the money. Mr. Freda explained that these are not TIF grants, like what was done at 222 McDermott Avenue.

With no additional public comment, Mr. Sturtz motioned at 8:20 pm to go into executive session to discuss negotiations. Mr. Doheny amended the motion to include Edward Swinkoski, Director of Finance & Administration and William Ryan, Town Attorney. Mr. Sturtz seconded the motion.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz – yes

At 8:45 pm the Selectmen returned to public session. Mr. Doheny motioned to ratify the Supervisor's Union Contract which was negotiated and ratified by the Supervisor's Union. Mr. Sturtz seconded the motion.

Vote: Freda- Yes, Doheny- Yes, Sturtz – yes

There being no additional business to come before the Board, Mr. Doheny motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:50 pm seconded by Mr. Sturtz.